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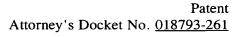
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Application No.: 10/070,733) Examiner: L. Salvatore
Filed: March 12, 2002) Confirmation No.: 9717
For: LACTIC-ACID BASE RESIN COMPOSITION AND MOLDED)))
ARTICLES MADE THEREFOR)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed August 29, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows:





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Sir:				
Eı	nclosed is a reply for the above-identified pa	tent application.		
[] A Petition for Extension of Time is also	enclosed.		
[A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.0 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.	00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37		
[] Also enclosed is/are			
[] Small entity status is hereby claimed.			
]	Applicant(s) requests continued examina [] \$385.00 (2801) [] \$770.00 (1801) f	ation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).		
		iously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be requested based on the enclosed documents		
	[] Applicant(s) previously submitted requested.	, on, for which continued examination is		
	does not exceed three months from	faction by the Office until at least, which the filing of this RCE, in accordance with ed fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.		

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[]	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
[X]	No additional claim fee is required.
[]	An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

	No. Of Claims	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (1202) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$86.00 (1201) =	
If Amendment adds mu	ltiple depend	lent claims, add \$29	0.00 (1203)		
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[] Charge \$to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16,
1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to
Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

[] A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed for the fee due.

Respectfully submitted,

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